



# City of Saint Louis

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HOSPITALS DIVISION OF HEALTH

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Health Commissioner

March 23, 1987

Mound Street  
MO 000093682  
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TO: Lee Huguley  
Assistant Manager

FROM: Daniel J. Wilson *DJW*  
Environmental Sanitation Specialist

SUBJECT: Former Mound Street Power Company at  
Number 2 Mound Street / 1725 L. K. Sullivan

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In an effort to establish the cited party by the United States Coast Guard, I called Cynthia Dillon at 425-5823 on February 26, 1987. During this conversation, Miss Dillon informed me that the present owner, Mound Street Corporation and officers have been charged with polluting the Mississippi River with oil. She also stated that only one of the three pollution cases referred to in my February 25, 1987, memo has been filed for legal action, and this occurred in June, 1986.

After clarifying the above, my next avenue of pursuit was to meet with Jack Keightley, a Crawl Crew Foreman, for the Metropolitan Sewer District at the site on February 26, 1987, at 10:00 a.m. As a result of this visit, we discovered that no MSD sewer lines exist in Mound Street or in North L. K. Sullivan, nor service the property. At my request, Mr. Keightley had his crew remove two man hole covers marked with a "L", at the second set of railroad tracks east of North First Street and on the North side of Mound Street. When this was accomplished, an oil and water accumulation was discovered in the north man hole, while a ninety percent plus or minus oil accumulation and ten percent plus or minus water content was discovered in the south man hole. When the covers were replaced, each was marked with spray paint to identify them.

As my investigation continued, I visited the site with Don Jones of the City Water Division on February 27, 1987. During the course of our review of the various Water Division man holes, we discovered the Water Meter Box at the exterior Northwest corner of the vacant power plant to be full of water and oil. We also checked two shut off valve boxes to the west of the building and found them to be dry.

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Re: Mound Street Power Company

On March 2, 1987, George Hess, of Region VII, US EPA, called (913-236-3888) and informed me that his agencies records did not reflect any information regarding the Mound Street Power Company and an oil spill in 1975.

At this point it should be noted that through the State of Missouri, we have been informed that Leonard Bierman of 210 Doulton Place, St. Louis, MO 63141, through 434-0187, is the President for Mound Street Corporation, the owner of the site in question. Also a copy of the abstract of Corporation record has been placed in the premise file.

While waiting for Union Electric to research their records pertaining to the site, I broadened my property ownership history and discovered the following.

- \* May 3, 1940 to March 23, 1945
  - \* Laclede Power and Light Company  
(Called Laclede Electric)
  - \* The Laclede Gas Light Company  
(Called Laclede Gas)
  - \* Phoenix Light, Heat and Power Company
- \* February 8, 1888 to May 3, 1940
  - \* The Laclede Gas Light Company  
(A Corporation)
- \* Prior to February 8, 1888
  - \* Mound Street Warehouse Corporation

Also, during my latest conversation with Ronald Hill of the Union Electric Real Estate Department on March 17, 1987, he informed me that he is still having his records checked for more detail information.

Therefore, as always, as new information becomes available, I will forward same to you.

xc: Thomas Astorino  
Deputy Assistant Health Commissioner

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